

IN THE DRAWINGS

The corrected drawings are being submitted to the Drawing Review Branch at this time, December 18, 2002. Copies of the corrected drawings are also being submitted with this AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly rewrite claims 1, 11, 17, 19, 29, and 30 as follows:

1. (Once amended) A method for running a plurality of tests to obtain electrophysiological data, said method comprising the steps of:

A1 (a) providing a plurality of recording stations, each of said recording stations containing at least one test subject;

(b) introducing at least one test material into a first one of said plurality of recording stations, wherein a movable applicator introduces said at least one test material of step (b) directly into said first one of said plurality of recording stations, wherein said movable applicator is automated;

(c) introducing at least one test material into a second one of said plurality of recording stations, wherein a movable applicator introduces said at least one test material of step (c) directly into said second one of said plurality of recording stations, wherein said movable applicator is automated; and

(d) collecting said electrophysiological data from each of said plurality of tests.

11. (Once amended) An apparatus capable of running a plurality of tests to obtain electrophysiological data, said apparatus comprising:

A2 ✓ (a) a plurality of recording stations for holding a plurality of test subjects, at least one test subject per recording station;

(b) a movable applicator for dispensing a test material directly into a recording station; and

(c) a control system (1) for controlling said (a) plurality of recording stations and said (b) movable applicator and (2) for collecting said electrophysiological data from said plurality of tests.

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17. (Once amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said apparatus further includes a wash station for washing said movable applicator.

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19. (Once amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said means for washing said movable applicator is capable of washing the inside of said movable applicator, the outside of said movable applicator, or both the inside and outside of said movable applicator.

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29. (Once amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said movable applicator includes:

- (a) a means for reducing carryover; and
- (b) a means for allowing air to escape.

30. (Once amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said movable applicator is capable of being adjusted with respect to position.

Please add claims 35 and 36 as follows:

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35. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said plurality of tests is run in sequence.

36. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said plurality of tests is run concurrently.

Cancel claims 5, 6, 15, ~~28~~, ~~31~~, and ~~32~~